

Application No. 10/071,093  
Amendment dated June 4, 2003  
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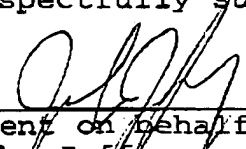
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 to 4 remain in the application.  
Reconsideration and reexamination on the basis of the amendments  
and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

The Examiner had rejected claims 1 to 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ichimaru in view of Wood and Nelson. While applicant does not agree that the combination of the references would lead one of skill in the art to select the pieces of the puzzle as proposed by the applicant, in the interest of expediting allowance of the application, claim 1 has been amended to specify the configuration of the individual pieces. The amendments are supported in the specification on page 2, line 25 through to page 4, line 17. It is respectfully submitted that the specific choice of the configuration of the individual pieces is not suggested, let alone taught by the prior art.

In view of the forgoing, it is submitted that the application is allowable and early allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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